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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Applicants are enclosing the formal drawings herewith, in replacement of the informal drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have also amended the specification to provide the serial numbers of the other identified applications filed on the same day as the instant application.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that method claims 7, 9, 18 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. With respect to claim 7, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7. With respect to claim 9, it has been rewritten as new claim 31, incorporating the subject matter of claim 1 on which it was dependent. With respect to claim 18, claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 17 and 18. With respect to claim 20, it has been rewritten as new claim 32, incorporating the subject matter of claim 16 on which it was dependent.

Additionally, applicants' program storage device claims have been amended and rewritten to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 7, 9, 18 and 20. Claim 29, which originally included the method steps of claim 1, has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7. New claim 33 incorporates the subject matter of claim 29 and claim 9. Claim 30, which originally included the method steps

of claim 16, has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 17 and 18. New claim 34 incorporates the subject matter of claim 30 and claim 20.

Applicants' rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice to re-file them in a continuation application.

Since the remaining claims of this application have been indicated as having allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,




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